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Major: Psychology with a concentration in criminal justice and mental health

University of Saint Joseph was the right fit for me because they have offered me so many opportunities in which have helped me to grow as a student, athlete and young woman. I came into USJ a shy, minimally confident student but am now a strong-minded, confident, leader on the USJ campus. I have gotten involved in on-campus employment, leadership roles such as orientation leader and even networked to meet professionals in my desired field. I would have never stepped out of my comfort zone had it not been for USJ and the scholarships that allowed me to enroll here.

Financial aid such as the Roberta Willis Scholarship Grant has been incredibly important to me because I am a first-generation college student working 3 on-campus jobs and 2 off-campus jobs. I try my best to get a consistent paycheck to help with college payments while also trying to enjoy college because four years flies by.

When I graduate, I intend to go to graduate school in the field of forensic psychology and criminal justice. My hope is to be able to go to grad school right away.

Please continue to fund the Roberta Willis Scholarship Program to ensure that students like myself have the opportunity to enroll in the institution that is the best fit for them in-state.